🗎 LESSON 4

In this lesson we learn :

#(1) The اسْمُ الفـــاعِلِ (*ismu 'l-fâ'il* = active participle) : In English one who reads is called a 'reader', and one who writes a 'writer'. In Arabic a noun on the pattern of **fâ'il**-un (فَاعِلٌ)1 is derived from the verb to denote the one who does the action, e.g.,

كَتَــبَ 'he wrote' : كَاتِبٌ 'writer' ; سَرَقَ 'he stole' : سَارِقٌ 'thief' ; عَبَدَ 'he worshipped' : عَابِدٌ 'worshipper' ; خَلَقَ 'he created' : خَالِقٌ 'creator'.

In the Qur'an (6:95) : ﴿إِنَّ اللهَ فالِقُ الحَبِّ وَالنَّوَى﴾ 'Allah is the splitter of the grains and fruit kernels' (i.e., makes them sprout).

#(2) The اسْمُ المَفْعُول (*ismu 'l-maf'ûl* = passive participle) : This is a noun on the pattern of **maf'ûl**-un (مَفْعُولٌ)1 derived from the verb to denote the one who suffers the action, e.g.,

قَتَلَ 'he killed' : مَقْتُولٌ 'one who has been killed' ; خَلَقَ 'he created' : مَخْلُوقٌ 'he who has been created / that which has been created' ; سَرَّ 'he pleased' : مَسْرُورٌ 'he who is pleased' ; كَسَرَ 'he broke' : مَكْسُورٌ 'that which is broken'.

The Prophet صلّى الله عليه وســـلّم said, لا طاعةَ لِمَخْلوقٍ في مَعْصِيَةِ الخالِقِ 'No creature has to be obeyed if it involves disobedience to the Creator.'

#(3) ما أنا بِغافِلٍ عَمّا تعمَلُ 'I am not unmindful of what you are doing.' This مَا is called ما الحِجازِيَّـــةُ (the Hijâzi *mâ*), and acts like لَيْسَ. It is used in a nominal sentence, and after its introduction the *khabar* is rendered *mansûb*. The *khabar* may also take an extra *bâ'* rendering it *majrûr*, e.g.,

ما البَيْتُ بِجديدٍ / ما البَيْتُ جديداً, just as we say, البيتُ جديدٌ : ليس البيتُ جديداً/ ليس البيتُ بجديد.

We have in the Qur'an (12: 31) : ﴿مَا هَذا بَشَراً﴾ 'This is not a human being.'

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1 This pattern can be represented by the formula **1â2i3**-un, i.e., the first radical is followed by a long **â**, and the second radical is followed by a short **i**.

Here the *khabar* is *mansûb*. We also have examples of the *khabar* having *bâ'*, e.g., in 2 :74, ﴿وَمَا اللّٰهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تعملون﴾ 'And Allah is not unmindful of what you do.'

Exercises

1) Answer the following questions.

2) Learn the formation of the *ismu 'l-fâ'il*.

3) Form *ismu 'l-fâ'il* from each of the following verbs2.

4) Underline سماءُ الفاعلِينَ in the following sentences[1].

5) Learn the formation of the اسمُ المفعول .

6) Form اسمُ المفعول from each of the following verbs.

7) Draw one line under the أسماء الفاعلِينَ and two lines under the أسماءُ المفعولِينَ in the following sentences.

8) Learn the use of اشْتَـــرَى 'he bought.'

9) Learn the Hijâzi *mâ*, and then rewrite the following sentences using this *mâ* as shown in the example.

10) Write the *mudâri'* of each of the following verbs.

11) Write the plural of each of the following the nouns.

1 This pattern can be represented by the formula **ma12û3**-un, i.e., an extra **ma-** is prefixed to the first radical, and the second radical is followed by a long **û**.

2The plural of اِسْمُ الفاعِلِ is أَسْماءُ الفاعِلِينَ.